

HUMOR

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Foot Found It Meant a Great Deal in a Newspaper (1890).

No one but the horse reporter was in when the pale young man came into the editorial room, but the pale young man went straight to business.

"I have here a poem," said he, "entitled 'The Siran Voice of Love.' It is at your service."

"Yes," said the horse reporter. "It isn't too red-hot, is it?"

"It glows only with the warmth of a passionate soul."

"I know, but Constock is keeping a tolerably sharp eye out just now for things that have that glow."

"This is as thought-pure as a prattling babe."

"Haven't twisted a cryptogram through it notifying your girl to meet you by the shimmering lake where stricken zephyrs moan, have you?"

"Ridiculous! And besides zephyrs are never stricken and do not moan."

"No? But it sounds good, and that's what goes with up to date poetry."

"Tain't an acrostic, is it?"

"Acrostic? I stoken at the word!"

"Quite sure it doesn't hold anything that will make chabmen tumble over each other to get at the paper if we print it?"

"It is blanching with the whiteness of an unsullied but yearning soul."

"Ah, sort of whitewashing report, eh?"

"Sir! It's a poem!"

"And your name is Gerome Algeyeron Gervais or something equally sweet?"

"My name is Simeon Hobbs."

"Wh-a-a-a-a?"

"My name is Simeon Hobbs."

"Here! Take your poem—your manuscript, young man! No man named Simeon Hobbs can write poetry for us. Good day, sir."

The pale young man went out crushed.

"Blanching with the whiteness of an unsullied but yearning soul, and his name is Simeon Hobbs!" sneered the horse reporter.

"Why, a man with a name like that couldn't get a job in the mailing room writing wrappers!"—Browning's Monthly.

How He Knew.

The British workman has long been a target for the shafts of wit. Let him at least console himself with the reflection that his French brother is by no means a perfect being, but gets his full share of chaff and abuse.

Here is an illustration: A gentleman paid a visit to a large manufactory, and on leaving asked the foreman which of the three roads was the nearest way back to the village.

"I have not measured them," replied the manager, "but I have no doubt the left hand road is the longest and the right hand one the shortest."

"What makes you think so, may I ask?"

"Well, you see, sir, I have noticed that when the bell rings for leaving off work our men go home by the right road, but when the signal is given for commencing or resuming work they invariably come by the left."—Tit-Bits.

Did the Old Lady Get a Cigarroot?

Nice Old Lady—Will you kindly tell me if the lady who writes "The Mother's Page" in your paper is in? I want to tell her how much I enjoyed her article on "The Evening Hour in the Nursery."

Office Boy—That's him over there who do pink shirt, smokin a cigaroot.—Printers' Ink.

Juvenile Theology.

Mother (at tea table)—Jack, who helped you to those three tartis?

Jack (aged 7)—The Lord.

"The Lord? Why, what do you mean, Jack?"

"Well, I helped myself, and father said yesterday the Lord helped those who helped themselves."—Texas Siftings.

Included.

Mrs. Kingly—Is it true that you've changed dressmakers?

Mrs. Bings—Yes; my old one was taking in all classes.

Mrs. Kingly—But I ordered a gown from her not long ago.

Mrs. Bings—So she said.—Cloak Review.

Making a Change.

Bingo—I just had a smaller sofa put into the parlor than the one I had.

Kingly—What was the matter with the old one? Didn't your wife like it?

Bingo—Yes, but my daughter didn't.—Truth.

Our Nobility.

Idle Ike—Walk right by dat feller wifin shoestrings widout noticin 'im.

Lazy Luke—Why?

Idle Ike—Ouz he ain't recognized by our set no more.

Lazy Luke—How's dat?

Idle Ike—Dis is de third time dat man's been caught tryin ter earn his livin.—Brooklyn Life.

The Peacock's Feet.

Every one has read and heard that a peacock's feet are ugly, and that the bird is so conscious of it that it invariably tries to hide them when it finds that it is observed. This belief is not of modern origin, for it is to be found in ancient writings and in works as old as the classical Greek and Latin and in old fables. It has been recorded as an etiological truth by writers from time immemorial, and even at the present day it is to be found in books that are considered standard works on natural history. This constant repetition of something that has no foundation in fact is simply an illustration of how some writers will take an accepted fact the assertions of some other writers who have gone before them and not exercise their own judgment and eyes. The assertion that peacocks have ugly feet is arrant nonsense, as any one can see if they will examine the next bird they see. The feet are slightly larger than those of a turkey, but are well proportioned and small for the size of the bird.

The popular misconception regarding this bird's feet undoubtedly arose from the fact that the peacock, being by nature a wild bird, is apt to drop its beautiful fan tail to the ground behind him and scuttle away as rapidly as possible. The drooping of the tail, of course, hides the feet, and the impression is conveyed to the ignorant or unthinking that the bird is trying to hide his feet.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Criminal as a Fool.

Regarding the criminal as regarding everything else, we are no longer restricting ourselves to moralizing and speculating and consulting the opinions of the Hebrew prophets and the medieval saints, but we have begun studying him. And our fundamental discovery is one at least as old as Solomon—namely, that the criminal is a fool. The ancient discoveries of a truth, however, generally differ from the modern discoveries of the same truth in the fact that they spread it over less ground.

Our revolutionary discovery regarding the criminal is that, in our times at least, he is intellectually a fool. In the good old times he was merely morally a fool. The fact that honesty is the best policy, though fitfully implied through the Bible, seems to have had very little effect till after the reformation and not to have been definitely put on record before Cervantes. But the growing realization of the fact and perhaps the growing inconveniences of being dishonest have, aided by a host of other agencies, brought the world to a stage where, roughly speaking, only the fools descend to be criminal. Anybody familiar with courtrooms and prisons will testify that, with rare exceptions, this is true.—Henry Holt in Forum.

Amber.

Amber is the gum of a conifer, but of what species no one knows. It belonged to the first period of vegetation of the earth. No one knows in what climate these trees grew, and no fossil traces of them are left for the geologist. It is not improbable that they produced amber and were stately trees millions of years ago. Dr. R. Klebs of Konigsberg, the highest authority on this subject in the world, says there are 2,000 different varieties of insects found imprisoned in amber, and this gives us a pretty correct idea of the fauna in the remote age in which they lived. They give us besides evidences of that period of which we have no other trace. It is very interesting to compare these insects with those now existing, as the common fly, for example. Others, again, are entirely different, showing extinct species. Dr. Klebs' theory is that the amber was carried to East Prussia during the glacial epoch and imbedded in the blue earth where it is found. This blue earth is a very heavy clay, and the strata vary in thickness from 8 to 27 feet. Dr. Klebs considers that this imbedding process occurred in what geologists term the tertiary period.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Use Water in Carnival Time.

During carnival time in some parts of South America there is a general revolt against nature in withholding rain the greater part of the year. Water is showered from the balconies and house tops with wanton extravagance, all classes joining in the frolic. I was in Lima during one of these periods of jollification and found that there was not a street where one could be secure from these watery attacks. In all parts of the town passersby were treated to a shower bath, and toward evening the sport increased in intensity, every successful delivery of dipper or bucket being greeted with shouts of laughter. All classes met with the same reception. Roughly dressed men sauntering along the street would on meeting a richly dressed lady dash a cup of water, which they held concealed behind their backs, straight in the lady's face. The ladies attacked in this way would merely smile grimly and pass on. I saw hundreds of men and women showered in this way, but in no instance were the least signs of resentment or anger displayed.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Maine Wild Lands.

A Maine lumberman says the wild lands of this state would make 15 states as large as Rhode Island, two as large as New Hampshire and Vermont and one twice as large as Massachusetts. These lands are located in the following counties: Aroostook, 2,838,618 acres; Franklin, 589,982 acres; Hancock, 362,893 acres; Oxford, 553,654 acres; Penobscot, 827,604 acres; Piscataquis, 2,000,444 acres; Schenectady, 1,735,535 acres; Washington, 624,123 acres. The spruce timber lands of Maine are worth more today than the pine lands were 50 years ago. This statement is based on the opinion of lumbermen who have been engaged in the business for 40 years. The value of these spruce lands has been greatly enhanced by the enormous demand for pulp wood.—Lewiston Journal.



NEW IDEAS IN MOURNING.

The upper pictures represent mourning bonnets with short crape veils for sisters or mothers, or widows in second mourning. The bonnet and hat below are of Court-dress crape, the bonnet being for an elderly lady. The cape is of Endora cloth with crape and dull gimp-trimming.

WORLD'S CARNIVAL CITY.

St. Louis Offers a Continuous List of Attractions—For Unrivaled Fall Festivities Commences September 5, and Holds Fall away Until October 20, 1894.

The successful series of carnival seasons inaugurated by the citizens of St. Louis some fifteen years ago, continues as ever for the season of 1894, and from the morning of September 5, to the evening of October 20th the city will be one scene of gayety and splendor. Many new, novel and unique features have been added to the long list of standing attractions, and from every point of view this reign of high carnival will outshine all previous attempts.

The St. Louis Exposition, the only one of its kind in the United States that has lived year after year with flattering results, will throw open its doors to the public September 5, and remain in a state of activity until the evening of October 21. Nousa's Grand Concert Band has been re-engaged for the season and will give the usual number of concerts during the afternoons and evenings. The entire Missouri exhibit which appeared at the World's fair will be transplanted here, and find space in the commodious building.

The exhibitors, both foreign and home, will present new ideas in displaying their goods, and, in addition to other features, a full complement of specialty artists will perform on the stage of the Music Hall.

The Great St. Louis Fair, which will open Monday, October 1st, and continue during the week, promises to afford many pleasant surprises. The "Midway Pleasure" feature at the World's fair will be reproduced in full, and the people of the west and southwest given an opportunity to see in real life the inhabitants of every civilized and uncivilized country on the face of the globe.

The "Streets of Cairo," "Old Vienna," "Moorish Palace," "Hagenbachs," "Ferris Wheel," etc., will be faithfully portrayed. His Royal Highness, the Mighty Veiled Prophet and retinue, will enter the gates of the city on the evening of October 21, and parade through the principal thoroughfares as of old. Visitors to the city will arrive at the handsome New Union Station, the largest railway edifice in the world, and the most perfect in every appointment. Great inducements to visit the Carnival City are offered via the Missouri Pacific railway and Iron Mountain route, from all points on the system.

For complete programme, giving each week's attractions in detail, address any agent of the company, or H. C. Townsend, General Passenger Agent, St. Louis, Missouri.

G. A. R. to Pittsburg.

VIA THE LAKE SHORE ROUTE. For the annual meeting of the G. A. R. at Pittsburg, September 8 to 15, excursion tickets will be on sale via the Lake Shore route, September 5th to 10th, good for return until the 25th, and will admit of one stopover on the return, which will afford an opportunity for those who wish to visit the tomb of Garfield at Cleveland, or other points of interest of which there are many along the line of the Lake Shore route. E. P. Humphrey, T. P. A., 727 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.; C. K. Wilber, West Pass. Agt., Chicago.

UNION PACIFIC ROUTE

For the Grand Army and Navy National Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 10, 11 and 12, The Union Pacific offers the very low rate \$21.50 for the round trip. Special Coaches and Sleepers will leave Topeka via the Union Pacific, Saturday, September 30th, 2:47 p. m., arriving at Pittsburg Monday morning, 7:39 a. m. Tickets on sale September 7 and 8, good returning up to and including Sept. 23, 1894.

Secure your tickets and reservations early, and go with the crowd. A. M. FULLER, City Agent, 525 Kansas avenue.

SANTA FE ROUTE.

The Santa Fe the Official Route to Pittsburg, Pa., for the Annual Reunion, G. A. R.

Department Commander Campbell has chosen the Santa Fe in connection with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad as the official route to Pittsburg for the national encampment G. A. R. The official train with the officers of the department of Kansas will leave the Santa Fe depot, Topeka, at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, September 8, and run through to Pittsburg without change. This train will consist of Pullman sleepers, free chair cars and coaches. All companies, their families and friends, in fact all who wish to go on this cheap excursion to the east, are cordially invited to join this official train. Tickets sold September 7 and 8 good to return at any time to and including September 28. You can stop off if you wish between Chicago and Pittsburg on the return trip at any point desired, on tickets sold by the Santa Fe, and you don't have to go through to Pittsburg unless you wish. Come and see us for all particulars. Rowley Bros., Agents, Southeast Cor. Sixth and Kansas ave.

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Commander Campbell has not declared the Rock Island to be the official route, but the boys who pay their fare have and so have the girls. The finest train on wheels will leave Topeka at 3:50 p. m., Saturday, September 8th, and run through to Pittsburg via Chicago and the "Erie." The president of the Woman's Relief corps will have a private car attached to this train.

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Kesley League convention, Colorado Springs, \$18.15 for the round trip. Democratic League and National Irrigation congress, Denver, \$17.95 for the round trip.

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Sunday, September 9th, the Santa Fe will run their last cheap Sunday excursion to Kansas City for this season, \$1.50 for the round trip. Train leaves Santa Fe depot at 7:55 a. m. Returning leaves Kansas City union depot at 8:30 p. m.

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